

## SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 2

## Agenda

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Senator Lowenthal was not in attendance.

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### Resources—Environmental Protection—Energy

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## 7300 Agricultural Labor Relations Board

**Action.** Held this issue open.

## 8570 California Department of Food and Agriculture

### 1. Emerging Threats to Food Supply

**Action.** Held this issue open and:

- Requested that the administration provide a completed FSR for the information technology components.
- Requested staff, the department, the LAO, and DOF to develop an alternative proposal that addresses all of the following issues:
  - Identify activities eligible for federal funds.
  - Clarify coordination of this proposal with WIFSS and all other federal grants received to date.
  - Provide additional information about why the security assessments cannot be incorporated into existing inspection program.
  - Provide additional information about why a new surveillance team is preferred over using existing infrastructure.
  - Provide additional clarity on what other activities and staff resources the department currently has to support emerging threats.
  - Additional information on why operating expenses and equipment are so high, especially justification for the 17 percent overhead charge.

### 2. Private Vehicle Inspection Program

**Action.** Staff recommends that the Subcommittee take the following actions:

- Adopted the LAO's recommendation and approve \$380,000 from the General Fund to support a one-year pilot project.
- Adopted budget bill language that extends the liquidation period for these funds to June 30, 2008.
- Adopted supplemental report language that requires the department to report to the Legislature by March 1, 2008 on the findings from the pilot program, including the relative risk of pest infestation posed by private vehicles.

**Vote.** 2-0

### 3. Tax Enforcement Pilot Program

**Action.** Approved as budgeted.

**Vote.** 2-0

#### 4. Hydrogen Highway

**Action.** Adopt the LAO's recommendation to reduce the department's General Fund support for the Hydrogen Highway by \$174,000.

**Vote.** 2-0

#### 5. Weed Management – Informational Issue (Not on Agenda)

**Action.** No action taken.

### 3540 Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

#### 1. Off-Season Fire Protection Statewide

**Action.**

- Adopted the LAO's recommendation to reduce the department's General Fund monies by \$2.9 million to correct an over-budgeting error.
- Approved trailer bill language to ensure increased staffing resources be used to support state responsibilities, consistent with the LAO's recommendation.

**Vote.** 2-0

#### 2. Capital Outlay

**Action.**

- Held open the proposal to double CDF's capital outlay staff and request:
  - CDF to provide additional information on the projects managed by CDF over the past five years, including the number of years delayed and reason for delay.
  - CDF to provide additional information on how CDF is addressing or can address delays caused by expanded review requirements for lease revenue bond financing, bids coming in over budget, project scope changes, and environmental studies that dictate project changes.
- Approved funding for the capital outlay projects.

**Vote.** 2-0

#### 3. Forestry Programs

**Action.**

- Held the FRIF-funded activities open pending receipt of a final decision by the Board on the Jackson State Forest EIR.

- Requested staff, the LAO, DOF, and the department to work on options for funding forestry programs in the budget year.

#### 4. Urban Forestry Grants

**Action.** Held this issue open and requested staff to work with the LAO, DOF and the department to work on a plan to accelerate the allocation of Proposition 12 and Proposition 40 bond funds for urban forestry projects.

#### 5. Other Budget Proposals

**Action.** Approved the following budget proposals:

- Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System.
- Fire and Life Building Inspection Staff.
- Disposal of Seized Fireworks.

**Vote.** 2-0

#### 6. Equipment Purchases—Informational Item

**Action.** No action taken, informational item.

#### 7. Disabled Veteran Businesses Contracts—Informational Item

**Action.** Requested staff to evaluate the recently released DGS report on CDF's contracting with Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises and compare this report to the report recently submitted to the Legislature.

#### 8. Threatened and Impaired Watershed Rules – Informational Item (Not on Agenda)

**Action.** The department indicates that it plans to recommend to the board to extend these rules. No action taken, informational item.

### 3790 Department of Parks and Recreation

#### 1. Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Program

**Action.**

- Held open OHV grants from the OHV fund pending a resolution of the current problems with the grant allocation process.
- Adopted trailer bill language to extend the OHV Program and OHV Commission for one year.
- Adopted supplemental report language requiring the department to submit the gas tax study and a recommended strategic plan for the OHV Program to the Legislature no later than January 10, 2007.

**Vote.** 2-0

## **2. Local Park Grants**

**Action.**

- Held open funding for the OHV grants from the OHV Fund.
- Approved all other local assistance grants funds.
- Approved Governor's proposed budget bill language to increase the maximum amount the department is allowed to allocate for administration of the grant program.

**Vote.** 2-0

## **3. Americans with Disabilities Act Upgrades**

**Action.** Approved this budget proposal.

**Vote.** 2-0

## **4. Remediation of Empire Mine**

**Action.** Held this issue open pending additional information from the department on its plans for cleanup of pollution caused by Empire Mine.

## **5. Water Infrastructure Upgrades**

**Action.** Approved this budget proposal.

**Vote.** 2-0

## **6. Concession and Operating Agreement Proposals**

**Action.**

- Approved the operating agreements.
- Approved the following concession proposal:
  - Old Town San Diego State Park.

- Held open the following concession proposals:
  - Millerton Lake State Recreation Area.
  - Asilomar State Beach.
  - Pismo State Beach.
- Legislative approval on the following concession proposal is no longer needed:
  - Hollister Hills State Vehicular Area.

**Vote.** 2-0

## 7. Capital Outlay

**Action.**

- Held open six of the OHV minor capital outlay projects pending Commission approval.
- Approved the remaining capital outlay proposals.
- Requested additional information on \$1.4 million in Proposition 40 bond funds for a capital outlay project at Lake Perris. Department indicates that it will be reverting these funds in the next few months.

**Vote.** 2-0

## 8. Main Street Program

**Action.** Requested staff to work with the department, LAO, and DOF on alternatives for funding the Main Street Program, including looking at funds from redevelopment agencies.

# 3340 California Conservation Corps

## 1. Core Program Funding

**Action.** Adopted this budget proposal.

**Vote.** 2-0

## 2. Bond Funds

**Action.** Adopted this budget proposal.

**Vote.** 2-0

## 3. Capital Outlay

**Action.** Adopted this budget proposal.

**Vote.** 2-0

#### 4. Training Program Plan

**Action.** Adopted supplemental report language requesting the Corps to develop, by March 1, 2007, a strategic plan for enhancing the training and educational opportunities for corpsmembers.

**Vote.** 2-0